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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

REFS: (A) USNATO 6678; (B) USNATO 6499; (C) USNATO 6609

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1. US OBJECTIVE IN DISCUSSIONS ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
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RESOURCES AND STRATEGY IS TO EMPHASIZE AND GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT THAT A STALWART CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY, AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE NATO TRIAD, CAN BE ATTAINED AND MAINTAINED WITHIN PROJECTED RESOURCES LEVELS AS THEY INCREASE MARGINALLY, PROVIDED THAT PRIORITIES ARE RIGOROUSLY APPLIED TO AREAS OF MAJOR DISPARITIES AND THAT MUCH GREATER COOPERATION IS ATTAINED IN NATO DEFENSE. WE SEE THIS CONCEPT AS A FUNDAMENTAL BASIS FOR NATO DEFENSE PLANNING OVER THE LONG HAUL; WITHOUT THIS APPROACH, NATO WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM UNFOUNDED PESSIMISM.

2. ON SPECIFICS OF LANGUAGE FOR SUBPARA A OF ALTERNATIVE 1 (USNATO 6499), WE FIND IT SOMEWHAT ILLOGICAL TO SPEAK IN THE HEADING OF THIS SUBPARA OF CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING THE CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO'S AGREED CURRENT STRATEGY WITHOUT FURTHER REFERENCE TO IMPROVEMENT OF CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY. FYI. WE DO

NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO PUT THE HEADING AT RISK. END FYI.

3. IF ORIGINAL LANGUAGE CONTINUES TO CAUSE DIFFICULTY, MISSION CAN SUPPORT LANGUAGE OF PARA 4 OF USNATO 6678 OR DELETION OF WORDS "DETERRENT AND" AS SUGGESTED BY FRG (USNATO 6609) OR ANY OTHER FORMULA WHICH SERVES TO MAINTAIN CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY (WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO'S CURRENT STRATEGY).

4. IF UK PROBLEM IS FEAR THAT ORIGINAL LANGUAGE CARRIES A "DANGEROUS THOUGHT THAT MISUNDERSTANDS THE NATURE OF DETERRENCE" (USNATO 6609, PARA 7) THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE PROBLEM IN AGREEING ON LANGUAGE WHICH EMPHASIZES NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY WITHOUT BRINGING THE DETERRENT INTO QUESTION. BUT IF UK VIEW IS BASED ON BELIEF THAT A STALWART CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 ABOVE IS NOT ATTAINABLE, THUS BRINGING INTO QUESTION THE THRUST OF SUBPARA B OF THIS SECTION, MATTER SHOULD BE PRESENTED CLEARLY TO MINISTERS. KISSINGER

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